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In re Application of Wang et al. Application No. 09/583,599 Filed: May 31, 2000 Attorney Docket No. 99A209

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under $37\ \text{CFR}\ 1.137\ \text{(b)}$, filed August 16, 2002, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

This application became abandoned for failure to reply timely to the nonfinal Office action mailed September 26, 2001, which set a three (3) month shortened statutory period to respond. No proper extensions of time were obtained pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a). Accordingly, this application became abandoned on December 27, 2001. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on April 9, 2002.

The petitioner has met the requirements to revive the above-identified application pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b). Petitioner submitted the required reply in the form of an amendment, authorized the payment the petition fee, and made the proper statement of unintentional delay.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136, an extension of time must be filed prior to the expiration of the maximum period obtainable for reply to avoid abandonment. Accordingly, since the request for an extension of time was filed subsequent to the maximum period obtainable for reply, no fee has been charged to the Deposit Account.

The \$1,280.00 petition fee has been charged to Deposit Account No. 02-2865, as authorized in the petition.

The file is being forwarded to Technology Center 1700 for review of the amendment submitted on August 16, 2002.

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